



Your trucking authority, start to active

Every step from forming your company to hauling your first load, in order. Check each box and write the date as you go.

Interstate, for hire: you need a USDOT number and MC operating authority.

FMCSA fee: \$300 per authority type. The USDOT number itself is free.

Georgia only: Georgia requires a USDOT number with a "GA" suffix, plus Georgia intrastate registration (GA DPS).

Timing: online applications typically take 20–25 business days (FMCSA).

1 • SET UP THE BUSINESS

- ☐ Form your company (LLC or sole proprietor) _____ date
Georgia LLC: \$100 to file online
- ☐ Get your EIN _____ date
Free from the IRS
- ☐ Open a business bank account _____ date
- ☐ Decide: interstate for hire, or Georgia only _____ date
This decides which filings you need

2 • FEDERAL FILINGS

- ☐ Apply for USDOT and MC with FMCSA _____ date
\$300 per authority type; use your exact legal name
- ☐ File your BOC-3 _____ date
Names a process agent in every state you run
- ☐ Have your insurer file proof of coverage with FMCSA _____ date
Buying a policy is not enough; it must be filed
- ☐ Check status until it shows Active _____ date
Pending means filings are still missing or under review

3 • BEFORE YOUR FIRST LOAD

- ☐ UCR registration _____ date
\$55 for 0–2 trucks for 2027; renew every year
- ☐ IRP apportioned plates _____ date
If you cross state lines
- ☐ IFTA fuel tax license _____ date
If you cross state lines
- ☐ Form 2290 heavy vehicle use tax _____ date
Trucks 55,000 lb and up; \$550 at 75,000 lb+
- ☐ Drug and alcohol program + FMCSA Clearinghouse _____ date
Required for CDL drivers
- ☐ Electronic logging device set up, if required _____ date

4 • YOUR FIRST YEAR AND BEYOND

- ☐ New entrant safety audit _____
Within your first 12 months (FMCSA)
- ☐ MCS-150 update _____
Every 2 years
- ☐ IFTA returns _____
Every quarter
- ☐ UCR and Form 2290 _____
Every year

We file your USDOT and MC, start to finish.
One call to an Atlanta team that handles the filings with you.

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